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Copies of the listed foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are attached.

As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication, copies of the listed U.S. patents and each U.S. patent application publication documents are not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

English translations of the abstracts of the non-English documents are enclosed.

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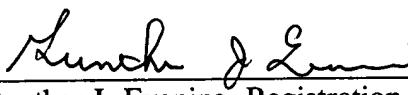
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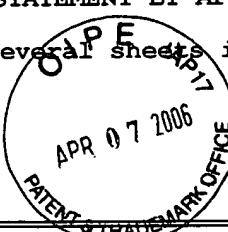
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